

MERGER RETURN CUT IN GAS RATE IN GEORGETOWN

Companies to Build New
\$500,000 Plant At
Once.

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to the Georgetown company at 40 cents. This, says Col. R. H. Goldsborough, counsel for the Washington company, represents about the cost of the gas to the Washington company at the holder, exclusive of charges for distribution, dividends and interest, for taxes, and for depreciation. The colonel said today:

"It is the purpose of the Washington company to provide the Georgetown company with gas merely while the new Georgetown plant is being constructed. The Washington company doesn't expect to make any money on it. We will furnish it practically at cost."

Margin for Company.

It appears that if gas costs the Washington company 40 cents—which is a very liberal estimate—the company enjoys a wide margin for taxes, depreciation, distribution and profits. That margin, in fact, is just 45 cents. This squares very nicely with the statement of gas experts before the House District Committee last spring, that the cost of gas to the Washington company, including every charge, was 57 cents. At that time the price was 50 cents, and the company's profits were the difference between 50 and 57, or 7 cents on each 100 feet sold.

This was one of the reasons the monopoly couldn't resist the demand for a further reduction in price; it partially explains the cut from 50 to 45 cents on July 1 last.

This 40-cent rate to the Georgetown company is also undoubtedly partially responsible for the plan to reduce prices in the suburbs. A concern that pays 40 cents for its gas could hardly have the nerve to charge \$1 for it from the consumer.

One or two legal difficulties may be encountered by the Washington company in selling to the Georgetown company at 40 cents. The Washington company will have to sell the gas in its own territory, or at the boundary, for it cannot do business in Georgetown. This, however, can probably be arranged. Another question is whether the Washington company is entitled to sell to anybody at less than its current rate. The company's charter contains the following provision on this point:

"That the price which may be charged for gas by the Gas Light Company in the District of Columbia shall be uniform and the same to all consumers, and any reduction made in the price or cost to any person or persons, except to officers or directors, shall furnish a legal right on the part of any other person or persons to demand gas at the same cost or price."

Col. Goldsborough's Version.

Colonel Goldsborough today made the following statement on this question:

"We are ready to take our chances on being called to account for selling to the Georgetown company at less than we sell to the ordinary consumer. We contend that the Georgetown company is not a consumer, to start with, and we believe no court would prevent our selling to it or would try to force us to sell at the same rate to the general public. Our purpose in selling at the reduced rate to the Georgetown company is to enable it to reduce its prices to the public; we will supply it with gas only temporarily, while it is establishing its own plant to enable it to sell cheaper gas to the public. We believe public policy justifies our course."

The Georgetown company does a business of about \$125,000 a year, and for several years has paid dividends of 10 per cent on \$150,000. It has outstanding \$225,000 in certificates of indebtedness, which were sold two years ago for cash at par. The company estimates the value of its properties at about \$750,000, a large part of which was created by reinvestment of surplus.

The minority interest in the Georgetown company is almost wholly local, and the controlling interests are officers and directors, the Washington company's interest being represented by but one director. Therefore the negotiations with the Washington company are completed, bonds will be issued to obtain money with which to build the new plant.

It is announced by Colonel Goldsborough that the controlling interests in the two companies hope ultimately to consolidate the gas corporations. One of the purposes, he says, in building a new, up-to-date plant in Georgetown, is to provide a manufacturing establishment, in order to give the consolidated company adequate facilities for furnishing gas to the community.

STORYTILES SEEK CONSOLATION PRIZE

D. A. R. Losers Renew Struggle By Attempt to Capture
Tenth Office of Vice President, While Mrs. Scott's
Followers Try to Make Her Victory Complete.

Exhausted by the week's strenuous program of business and pleasure and the nerve-racking suspense which followed the casting of their ballots on Thursday, it was a weary and jaded gathering of Daughters of the American Revolution who assembled at Continental Hall this morning to plunge into the excitement of another election.

The congress instead of adjourning this morning, as was planned, held an afternoon session before the business which had accumulated could be finished.

This morning's election was necessitated by the fact that only nine women received at Thursday's election a majority vote for the office of vice president general of the society. Inasmuch as there are ten of these offices to be filled and none of the States would withdraw their candidate, it was necessary to cast ballots again.

Considerable feeling existed over the election, because the tenth office is said to lie between Miss Harriet I. Lake, of Iowa, a Scott supporter, and Mrs. George M. Sternberg, of Washington, a supporter of Mrs. William Cummings Story, who was defeated by Mrs. Matthew T. Scott for the office of president general, as a result of Thursday's election.

The Scott people are determined if possible, to elect Miss Lake in order that the administration ticket may be completely successful. The Storytiles are especially desirous of preventing this.

The candidates for the office which remains open for tenth vice president general, are as follows: Mrs. Stella F. Broadhead, of New York; Mrs. George M. Sternberg, of Washington; Mrs. John Leary, of Washington State; Mrs. Herbert L. Davidson, of Massachusetts; Mrs. Amelia W. Truesdale, of California; Mrs. John Barrow, of Arkansas; Mrs. Harriet I. Lake, of Iowa; Mrs. John Campbell, of Colorado; Mrs. John G. Christopher, of Florida; and Mrs. Arthur W. Clark, of New York.

New president general timber for 1912 was being discussed today in the avowed candidacy of Mrs. John Miller Horton, of Buffalo, N. Y. Mrs. Horton is a woman of great wealth, and has not missed a continental congress in Washington for many years past.

It is understood that she today received many pledges of votes for the office of president general year after next.


Nothing daunted by the sweeping defeat with which they met last night, Storytiles already have begun to campaign for the next election, and Mrs. Story today admits that she will stand again for the office of president general if nominated by her friends. Thus there is every indication that the line between the administration party, led by Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, and Mrs. Donald McLean, of New York, and the so-called "conservative" faction, of which Mrs. Story is leader, will be more sharply drawn than ever.

Mrs. Scott, however, stands pledged to work for harmony, and the women

In the organization who say they know best her strength and steadfastness of purpose declare their belief that within the next two years, she will succeed in completing the task begun by her two years ago of solidifying and uniting the warring elements of the society.

Her speech of acceptance, made last night, after the announcement at Continental Hall of the vote which had elected her president general, was an eloquent plea for the placing of great national aims and constructive work above the petty bickerings of personal strife and ambition. She declared her faith that the 60,000 members of the Daughters of the American Revolution were indissolubly bound together by the greatness of the common aims for which they are working.

The result of the vote was read last evening at 8:30 o'clock before an audience which taxed the seating capacity of Continental Hall. As announced by The Times of yesterday afternoon, not only Mrs. Scott, but her entire ticket, was elected to office.




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Postal Clerk Is Fined By Justice Wright

Joseph F. Arth, a postal clerk at a Washington substation, pleaded guilty before Justice Wright, in Criminal Court No. 1, to issuing a money order without securing funds in advance. He was fined \$100 and obtained his immediate release by payment. Assistant United States District Attorney Proctor said a fine would be satisfactory to the Government.

Senator Kenyon Will Be Sworn In Monday

The credentials of Senator Kenyon, the newly elected Senator from Iowa, now assistant to the Attorney General, reached Washington this morning. They will be presented to the Senate Monday by Senator Cummins, and Senator Kenyon will be sworn in.

Senator Kenyon has presented his resignation as a member of the Department of Justice. But he has tendered his services in the Beef trust case to the Government free of charge.

The Government will avail itself of his services. He has had charge of the case, and his knowledge of it will be of value in the trial of the indicted packers.

Musicians Plan for Backing Testimonial

Washington's best vocalists will join in a musical farewell to be given Richard P. Backing on Tuesday afternoon, May 3, at 4 o'clock, in the Columbia Theater. Mr. Backing leaves the city in September to join the ranks of the Savage Opera Company.

The concert will be under the direction of Sidney Lloyd Wrightson. Such musicians as S. M. Fabian, the Mendelssohn Quartette, will be on the program. Miss Gertrude Reuter and Mr. Backing will sing the duet from "Madame Butterfly."

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Contestants, by submitting their solutions, adopt these rules and agree to abide by the decision of the judges, and that the judges shall have the sole and exclusive power of determining the meaning of these rules, or of this advertisement, or of any part of either of them; and they shall also have exclusive control of the management and conduct of this contest.

Only one member of a family may enter this contest. Only one solution, and that one the first to be received, will be accepted from the same contestant.

No one connected with the music trade, nor first prize winners in previous contests, may enter.

All solutions will be submitted to four competent and impartial judges, who are to be governed in their awards by merit, based upon the neatness, originality, artistic rendering of the nearest correct solutions submitted and their decision will be final.

Should there be in the opinion of the judges a tie in any of the solutions sent in, in point of accuracy, neatness, originality, artistic merit, and legibility of name and address, the value of the prize in question will be divided in equal amounts.

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